



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 697

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House Bill No. 6555

House of Representatives, May 14, 2003

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LAB.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) Commencing July 1, 2003,
- 2 and annually thereafter, the Connecticut Veterinary Diagnostic
- 3 Laboratory at the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources of The
- 4 University of Connecticut shall be allocated sufficient funds for its
- 5 continued operation and accreditation from the appropriation to The
- 6 University of Connecticut, for Operating Expenses.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
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ENV Joint Favorable C/R

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
UConn	GF - Cost	\$100,000 to \$400,000	\$100,000 to \$400,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill would require the University of Connecticut to divert funds from other programs to support the Connecticut Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at a level sufficient to ensure accreditation. The level of increased funding needed to ensure accreditation is estimated to range from \$100,000 to \$400,000. No additional funds are provided for this purpose in the FY 03-05 as passed by the Appropriations Committee

OLR Bill Analysis

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT VETERINARY
DIAGNOSTIC LAB****SUMMARY:**

Starting July 1, 2003, this bill requires the University of Connecticut to annually allocate sufficient funds from its operating budget to provide for the operation and accreditation of the Connecticut Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at the university's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

BACKGROUND***Laboratory Accreditation***

The American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians reviews veterinary diagnostic laboratories for accreditation every five years. The Connecticut Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory is now provisionally accredited and is due for review in the fall of 2003.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 25 Nay 0

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 49 Nay 0